organizations should study the alternatives for restructuring together with managerial restructuring before embarking on the process of disinvestment.

M/s. ICICI and SBI Capital Markets were engaged as consultants to study the financial engineering of the Central Power Sector Undertakings with a view to enabling them to leverage larger resources for investment. M/s. ICICI and SBI Cap have further been engaged to undertake a joint study to suggest an appropriate model of restructuring for both NTPC and PGCIL. The report of the consultants has not yet been received by the Government.

(b) to (f) In view of the above, does not arise.

Construction of Power Generation Project by DPC

†2813. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dabhol Power Company has carried out construction on power generation project for production of power in the country;

(b) if so, the power generation capacity installed by this project so far; and

(c) the estimate of total amount to be spent on construction of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Dabhol Power Company (DPC) is carrying out construction on the 2184 MW (Phase-I & Phase-II) Dabhol Power Project. Phase-I of the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

project with an installed capacity of 740 MW has already been commissioned on 13th May, 1999. Construction work is in progress in the second phase of the project with a capacity of 1444 MW.

(c) As informed by the Government of Maharashtra, the total cost of the 2184 MW Dabhol Power Project is around US$ 2501.2 million.

Losses to MSEB

2814. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in its report for the year ending 31st March, 1999 has reported that Maharashtra State Electricity Board has lost revenue of Rs. 2000 crore during the last 15 years; and

(b) if so, the measures Government have taken to ensure that State Electricity Boards manage their affairs efficiently to check such losses and to check frequent load sheddings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) CAG in his report for the year ending 31st March, 1999 made observations on the physical and financial performance of power sector in Maharashtra during the 7th Plan period specifically on distribution and transmission system. Audit comments relate to cost and potential losses of revenue due to delay in commissioning of different projects during 7th Plan and the loss of generation due to low Plant Load Factor (PLF), higher T&D losses resulting in avoidable loss of revenue and loss of additional revenue due to non-completion of some district integrated schemes and non-installation/short fall in installation of shunt capacitors leading to loss of revenue.

(b) Poor financial health of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) etc. have necessitated reforms and restructuring of the power sector. The